

**LOUISVILLE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Members Present: Judge Kathleen Voor Montano, Chair; Kim Allen; Judge Donald Armstrong, Jr.; John Aubrey; Tom Campbell; Patricia Combs; William DeNardi; Minette Adams (Designee for Judge Stephen George); Leo Smith (Designee for Dan Goyette); Roger Henderson; Richard Lewis; Marjean Martin; Judge Steve Mershon; Carolyn Franklin (Designee for Tony Miller); Laura Volk; Tim Vize; Lt. Curtis Flaherty (Designee for Chief White); and Louis Willis.

Excused Members: Dave Stengel; Joni Jenkins; and Sheriall Cunningham.

Guests Present: Maurice Risner (Jefferson County Public Schools); Julie Hayes (District Court Administrator); Russ Stapleton (LMPD); Peggy Kidwell (Criminologist); Sara McKinney (Kentuckians' Voice for Crime Victims [KVCV]); Larry Robbins (KVCV); Charlotte Robbins (KVCV); Pam Barry (KVCV); Ellen Cooper (KVCV); and Gerry Smith (KVCV).

Staff Present: David Nicholson; Stephanie Stidham; Faith Hartlage; Bruce McMichael and Barbara West.

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Judge Montano, Chair, who was held up in court, and Dave Stengel, Vice-Chair, Richard Lewis called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance and called for introductions. As a new member of the Board, Chief Circuit Court Judge Steve Mershon was presented with a Criminal Justice Commission lapel pin.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis acknowledged the death of dedicated Board member, Walker Cunningham, and the resignation of citizen appointee, Steve Jenkins. Members were encouraged to contact staff if they knew of an individual who would like to serve on the Board as a citizen representative. Mr. Lewis referenced the flyer in the agenda packets announcing a series of Community Forums relating to the release of the "2005 Youth Needs Assessment" report sponsored by The Louisville Metro Alliance for Youth. Commission staff members have been involved in this initiative. Also included in the packet is an article regarding identity theft in our region.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 16, 2006 MEETING

The meeting summary of the February 16, 2006 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Sara McKinney, President, KVCV – provided a brief overview of the organization's history and thanked the Commission for its past efforts in working together with KVCV to improve the criminal justice system as it relates to crime victims. The goal of KVCV is to ensure the public is well-formed as to the functions of the judicial system, to work in the legislative bodies to ensure those laws already enacted are enforced within the meaning of the law and to promote and assist in drafting new laws that will protect everyone. The non-profit, volunteer organization assists crime victims through their grief period and offers support during the court proceedings through its Court Advocacy Program. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Church of Christ on Westport Road. Additionally, Resthaven Memorial Park is home of the Kentucky Victims of Homicide Memorial dedicated to the memory of all victims of violent crime. Ms. McKinney invited everyone to attend the upcoming KCVC breakfast to be held on April 27th from 7 am - 10 am in the main lobby of the Old Jail Building, 514 West Liberty Street.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Computerization Projects Committee – Tim Vize, Chair, reported that the committee met on March 8th. There are currently 33 Mobile Data Terminal (MDTs) users and there have been 25,000 E-Citations issued. Concerns of possible duplications are being addressed and worked through in cooperation with the Kentucky State Police. LMPD is redesigning its network and Mr. Vize thanked Sandy Sundberg for his efforts in this area. All Virtual Private Network (VPN) connections are in place and functioning. Betsy Helm, a member of the committee, has agreed to chair a newly formed Technology Issues Subcommittee of the Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinating Committee (DVPCC) with the Computerization Projects Committee membership assisting in the System Snapshot project.

B. Legislative Committee - Faith Hartlage in tracking the criminal justice and public protection legislative bills, reported that a total of 754 House Bills (HB) and 258 Senate Bills (SB) were filed. Of these, 129 HB and 45 SB pertain to criminal justice, juvenile justice or homeland security. HB 3, a comprehensive bill consolidating some 15 separate bills relating to sex offenders, passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee this morning. HB 92 relating to youth smoking has been signed by Governor Fletcher. She will continue to send weekly electronic updates to Commission members and welcomes feedback. David Nicholson invited any interested Commission members to participate in the Legislative Committee. The Committee will meet in June to prepare for next year's session.

C. Jail Policy Committee – Bruce McMichael reported the committee has not met recently but will reconvene in the near future. Metro Corrections is developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consulting services in the area of jail population forecasting and population management. Once the RFP has been developed, bids will be accepted for review. Tom Campbell recently hired a data analyst to refine current jail data and to provide data for future analysis. The committee will revisit the idea of a Day Reporting program and review the current Misdemeanant Intensive Probation (MIP) program. It was noted that the Home Incarceration Program (HIP) is being underutilized. The jail population for today is 1,835 with an additional 407 in HIP and 300 in MIP.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

David Nicholson presented the "2005 Annual Report" and highlighted a few of the Commission project updates. The Commission has offered office space for the interim director of the Justice Reinvestment Task Force, the Field Release Project is working with YMCA Safe Place as an

alternative to youth detention, the Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC) Project will be assisting the Burns Institute in hosting its annual coordinators' meeting in Louisville in June, and Ms. Hartlage in assisting Lexington in its interest in becoming a DMC site. Commission members were encouraged to review the report and provide comments/feedback. Additional copies are available and the report will be posted on the Commission's website.

VII. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crown Room of the Judicial Center. There is no scheduled meeting in April.